

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the times."

From all accounts received it would appear that the troops massed at Fort Phil Kearney were surprised at such a distance from the fort that there was no escape. The attack was made just before daylight, the camp being surprised. The evidence received fastens the guilt upon the Cheyennes for all the murders of Smoky Hill. The Sioux and Cheyennes have combined for war against the whites, and are in camp between the Republican and Platte rivers.

The Arkansas delegation were again in attendance at the White House yesterday, and had a second interview with the President. The Cabinet was in session, and they were introduced to the members, and also to General Grant, who was at the Executive Mansion.

Commissioner Newton has ordered from Germany a considerable quantity of the celebrated Alsike clover, now so much sought after by such farmers as have tested its superiority and appreciate the importance of its general introduction.

The Gardner will case, in which a large amount of property is involved, has been decided in the N. Y. Court of Appeals in favor of Mr. Gardner, the brother of Mrs. ex-President Tyler, and against her.

The case of Dr. Watson, of Virginia, who was shot time discharged from military custody, at Richmond, by order of President Johnson, is to be investigated by Congress.

Both Houses of the Ohio Legislature have passed the Constitutional amendment.

EUROPE.

LATEST BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

The London Times says that the only question that England at the present time is at all involved in with other powers, are the questions waiting settlement between her and America. It then urges the prompt settlement of these questions on a satisfactory basis. The Times also believes that if the Eastern question is now approached in the proper spirit, there can be a speedy settlement of it by the powers of Europe in the interests of peace.

The Austrian patent convoking an extraordinary session of the Reich-rath has had a bad effect in Hungary.

An evidence of the high appreciation in which he was held by the Emperor Napoleon, the latter, in an autograph letter to Mr. Bielew, the retiring United States Minister, presented him with a copy of his works. The letter was couched in very flattering terms.

The Russian Gazette has an important article upon the political situation of Russia, and argues at length that the numerous conditions imposed upon the Government by the results of the Crimean war should be removed, and Russia thus be relieved from certain burdens, the abrogation of which would materially enhance the progressive civilizing power of the Empire. The article excites considerable attention.

Several of the North German Governments have formally concluded that Parliament shall meet on the 15th day of February next.

The Etrole-Bldg says that the effort of the French Government to form a quadruple alliance with England, Prussia, and Austria has entirely failed. It states that England favors an alliance with Prussia, provided the latter will guarantee the independence of Belgium.

The Greek question in the East is assuming threatening proportions, and its final settlement is looked upon as involving serious complications.

The broadstuffs market is firm. Corn firm, with an upward tendency, and has advanced to 41s. 6d. per quarter of 480 lbs. for American mixed Western. Wheat firm, with an upward tendency, and has advanced 4d. per cental.—Flour is firm.

SOUTHERN POLITICAL APATHY.—The lethargy of the people of the Southern States in regard to political affairs is one of those grave and significant facts that cannot escape observation. It is not an artificial employment to assist a desperate cause, nor is it the result of a foolish insensibility to the dangers by which they are menaced. It is rather the effect upon reasoning minds of the profound conviction that the control of affairs has been altogether lost, and that no effort can recover it.

A few of our Southern contemporaries do not seem to apprehend and appreciate the advice that we and other journals have given on this subject. They appear to think that when we urge our people to withdraw themselves altogether from politics, we mean to say that they are altogether independent of Radical legislation, and can be as prosperous when such legislation is oppressive as when it is liberal.—We mean no such ridiculous thing. We simply mean that, do what we will, we can acquire no influence over those who hold in their hands the destinies of the South, and that by meddling with them and attempting to influence them, we may only make matters worse.

The New York World remarks, in substance, that the effect of this indifference will, for the present, be salutary, by diverting Southern energy and talents from public to private pursuits, thus expediting the recovery of prosperity, and furthermore, by accelerating the disintegration of the Republican party, which "will spontaneously split into fragments when no food is supplied to agitation."—*Richmond Whig.*

PROFITS OF STOCK RAISING.—Few persons are aware of the profits to be derived from stock raising, when skill and attention are brought to bear by the farmer upon this important branch of agricultural industry, and as an evidence of what may be done we will present an account of the operations of Mr. Bowles on the farm of Mr. George Watt, (of this city) at Cold Harbor: On the 20th of January, 1896, Mr. B. took charge of the farm in question, the stock of hogs on the place consisting of one breeding sow and five shoats; but from this small beginning Mr. Bowles brought up the stock by the middle of December to 43 head.—From these he sold 1300 pounds of pork for \$160, and after reserving some for home use, still retained some young hogs and three fine brood sows, valued at \$50 each. Such is a specimen of what may be done on a farm, and it would be well for many of our young men who complain that they are unable to obtain employment, to roll up their sleeves, leave the city, and set vigorously to work to earn a subsistence from the bosom of mother Earth.—*Rich. Eng.*

A CARD.—The Dwelling and Church at St. Thomas' Manor, were destroyed by fire on Saturday, 29th ult. The fire was the result of accident. Our thanks are due to all who so kindly assisted in saving a portion of the furniture and other valuables, and for their exertions in attempting to arrest the progress of the flames. They are, however, more particularly due to those of other religious denominations, whose generous efforts reflect credit upon themselves and upon the community in which they reside.

C. MCATEE.
Charles co., Md., Jan. 4, 1897. Pastors.

GOLD.
New York, Jan. 5.—Gold, to-day, 133 1/2.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The residence of Mr. Wm. Spring, in the German settlement, near Taylorsville, Loudoun county, was burnt on Thursday, the 20th of December. All his furniture was destroyed, and about three thousand dollars in bonds and money were lost. The fire is supposed to have been accidental.

St. Paul's Episcopal Parish in Petersburg is to have a free school, to be supported at the expense of the parishioners. This school is to be opened daily, at regular hours, in the basement of the church, and the exercises will comprise instruction in all the useful English branches.

The Charlottesville Chronicle says: "A number of our farmers were beating around on Tuesday and Wednesday, hiring hands for the year. The hiring was done by the year.—Prices ranged for good men from \$90 to \$120. This would be cheap, if money were not so scarce."

The ancient and pretty little town of Hampton, is in constant trouble and excitement on account of the presence of a large number of unprincipled and dishonest negroes.

A constable in Stafford county, while intoxicated, on Christmas eve, leaped into the Rappahannock for the purpose of drowning himself, but was rescued alive.

The General Assembly met on the 3d after their holiday adjournment but transacted no business for want of a quorum.

The Richmond Whig cordially concurs in the suggestion to postpone our State elections from May next to autumn.

[COMMUNICATED.]

A correspondent, signed "Alexandria," directs attention to the results from the "Bob-tail train" on the Washington R.R., and to the numerous cottages that have sprung up at Laurel and Annapolis Junction; and hopes for "Bob-tail Road" to Georgetown.

I fear if this road be built, and the terminus of the O. & A. and other railroads be thereby extended to Georgetown and Baltimore, in conjunction with the unbarriered working of the Canal, it would cause "Alexandria's" anticipations to be realized, in some degree!

A similar class of people to those referred to as occupying the cottages, and who now fill the "Bob-tail train" on the Washington R.R., with their baskets and packages of groceries, &c., purchased in Washington, doubtless would be encouraged to locate here; but the building of such beautiful cottages would be needless, as the comfortable residences of our business men would be vacated by the removal of their present occupants to the terminus of the Roads now proposed to be extended.

Thus a change of the sleeping and voting population, so eagerly desired by some, would be complete—a policy already inaugurated by driving from us, homeless and penniless, several of our former most enterprising and wealthy citizens.

We might indeed see the cars on the proposed "Bob-tail Road" filled with folks from Washington, with their baskets and packages, coming here to sleep—but such an acquisition can but poorly compensate for the loss of those of our business community who seek homes at the terminus of the road.

How the building of the proposed road, which is to facilitate through trade and travel, is to encourage travelers from Texas and other places to stop over a night and day, is beyond my comprehension—unless our forebodings be fulfilled, and they be tempted by the quickness of a town killed by the folly of its own people!

To forewarn the citizens of Alexandria of the consequences that would be produced by the extension to other cities of the terminus of the Railroad for which they have paid so dearly to secure to this town, is the only object that induces this communication from—*VIRGINIAN.*

[COMMUNICATED.]

I congratulate the public upon the new spirit which have lately been infused into the people of Alexandria, male and female. For my part, I consider it decidedly refreshing, and a matter for general congratulation.

Ever since last Christmas we have been jogging along in a quiet and stupid way, with nothing to excite the interest of our people; when, presto! what a change! Here has been a tremendous row amongst the men about the Canal and Railroad, and everybody seems disposed to pitch into his neighbor and bosom friend. Our City Fathers have gone into the maelstrom, *vi armis*, an example which is likely to be followed by one or more of their admiring constituents.

The ladies, too, (God bless them!) are about to have a lively time over the old pulpit in Christ Church, (a most appropriate and fitting subject for feminine pugilism.) "Touch not that sacred and time honored institution and structure," exclaims one horror-stricken lady, as with clasped hands she contemplates the probability of such a sacrilegious act. "Down with that old fashioned, antiquated, useless and incongruous old martin box," answers the female reformer, bent upon the introduction of all modern improvements and fashions.

Look out, I say, boys, look out for a crash of crinoline, and a fall of waterfalls! There's fun ahead you may depend upon it. If so, count me in as—*ONE.*

[COMMUNICATED.]

It is greatly to be feared that "Cameron Street," in his article of yesterday, looks more directly at his personal interest than the public good. Were the people to be educated as this writer would have them, a wall around the town would subserve the purpose.

"Cameron Street" would have no occasion to complain of shoppers abroad if he would offer like benefits to his customers here.

"Cameron Street" forgets that boats run hourly, a greater portion of the year, and that the crowds he complains of, are but the regular passengers to and from Washington, occurring daily and have been for years.

"Cameron Street" does injustice when he writes of a half hour train via canal Bank.—We have taken pains to enquire, and no such act is contemplated.

Lastly "Cameron Street" is not posted.—We know and can vouch for the statement that Dry Goods are daily sold to Washington and that GROCERIES find their way to Georgetown in quantities beyond his conception. It is a fixed fact that people will buy where the best inducements are offered. *Q.*

LYTTLETON WITHERS. E. LAWRENCE TOLSON. (Forly, with Z. English.) (of Hough & Tolson.)

WITHERS & TOLSON.
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
HAY, FEED, & FLOUR, &c.
(Liberty Hall) No. 89, Cameron st.

We, the undersigned, have this day formed a partnership, for the purpose of conducting a wholesale and retail business. We will keep constantly on hand all articles in our line, and hope to merit a liberal share of the public patronage.

LYTTLETON WITHERS. E. LAWRENCE TOLSON.
January 3, 1897. Jan 5-1f

ORGANIZATION OF THE UNION REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION OF ALEXANDRIA.

At an adjourned meeting of the loyal citizens of Alexandria and vicinity, held on Friday, January 4th, 1897, George Tucker, Esq., was called to the chair *pro tem*, and B. W. Hunter, Secretary.

Mr. Tucker explained the object of the evening of the price assembly present, and as pleased to see so much interest manifested.

After the admission of many new members, the first business in order, was the election of officers on permanent organization. Josiah Millard, Esq., having received the necessary vote, was declared President of the Association, and escorted to the chair by Dr. A. K. Andrews. Upon assuming the duties of his office, Mr. Millard made a few appropriate remarks, which were enthusiastically received. Messrs. John Hauxhurst, and William N. Berkeley, were then made Vice Presidents, and O. C. Whittlesey, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. McKenzie, from the Committee on By-Laws, submitted a report, which, after several amendments being added thereto, was adopted. A motion of Mr. L. Hill, was sustained for the appointment of a committee: Messrs. Hill, C. Whittlesey and Tucker.

The President was authorized by the Association to appoint a committee of five on membership, in compliance with the By-Laws, which appointments he reserved for a future meeting.

After transaction of other unimportant business, the Association adjourned to Friday night, 11th inst.

JOSIAH MILLARD, President.
B. W. HUNTER, Secretary pro tem.

MARRIED.

On Wednesday morning, 26th ultimo, at Emanuel Church, Baltimore, by the Rev. N. H. Schenck, D. D., HOKER, THOMAS, VAS.

W. A. RINGOLD, of Missouri, and MRS. RAURA TOWNER, of Jefferson county, Va.

In Culpeper county, at the residence of the bride's mother, on the 3rd instant, by the Rev. John Cole, Mr. GEORGE H. POINDEXTER, of Richmond, to Miss EPIE E. JONES, of Culpeper.

DIED.

January 1st, 1897, at Cryswood, Va., the residence of her son, Major R. C. Saunders, after a brief illness, Mrs. ALICE W. SAUNDERS, late Judge Fleming Saunders, aged 74 years.

In New Castle, Delaware, on the 2d instant, SAMUEL ADAMS DANFORTH, son of the late Rev. Joshua N. Danforth, of Alexandria, Virginia.

COURT NOTICES.

VIRGINIA.—At rules held in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Alexandria County, on the 31st day of December, 1896, Charles F. M. Johnston, plaintiff, against Fritz Bender, Defendant. In assumption and assumpsit, on the 31st day of December, 1896, the sum of \$225.00, with interest from the 1st day of January, 1897, till paid, due by the defendant to the plaintiff.

The defendant, Fritz Bender, not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County. A copy—Teste.

J. TACEY, Clerk.
Brent & Wattle, P. Q. Jan 5-law

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The object of this suit is to recover of the defendant, damages to the amount of \$200, with interest thereon from the 1st day of January, 1897, till paid, due by the said defendants to the plaintiff.

The defendants not having entered their appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that they are not residents of this State, it is ordered that the said defendants appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County. A copy—Teste.

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The object of this suit is to recover from the defendant the sum of \$152.44, with interest from the 27th day of October, 1896, till paid, due to the said plaintiffs by the said defendant.

The defendant not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County. A copy—Teste.

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The object of this suit is to recover from the defendant the sum of \$80.00, with interest from the 17th day of October, 1896, till paid, due to the said plaintiffs by the said defendant.

The defendant not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County. A copy—Teste.

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The object of this suit is to recover of the defendant the sum of \$73.81, with interest from November 1st, 1896, till paid, due from the defendant to said plaintiff.

The defendant, George E. White, not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County. A copy—Teste.

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